One location each at Dombivli and Ulhasnagar have been commissioned out of above 9 advertised.

(c) and (d) In addition to the LPG distributorships pending from previous Marketing Plans, 69 LPG distributorships have been planned for the State of Maharashtra in the Marketing Plan for the years 1992-93 and 1993-94. Oil Selection Board for Maharashtra has started functioning which will finalise selections in a phased manner.

Setting up of Gas based Thermal Power Projects at Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh

1886. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted proposals for setting up gas-based Thermal Power Projects at Kakinada, Vijjeswaram Stage-II, Amalapuram and Jagurupadu Phase-II respectively; and

(b) what are the reasons for delay in granting gas allocation for each of these four gas-based Power Projects respectively ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Gas has been allotted for two power stations in the Krishna-Godavari basin which are now being set up with private investment. In view of allocation already made within the availability of gas, no further allocations are feasible.

Vacancies in Group 'D' posts in Indian Oil Corporation

1887. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a good number of vacancies in Group 'D' posts in the reserved category of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have been lying vacant in the Indian Oil Corporation in its Delhi/ New Delhi Offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) steps being taken to fill up the vacancies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) No, Sir. Only two vacancies for SC/ST exist.

(b) and (c) Do not arise

Setting up of Oil Refinery at Pondicherry

1888. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total capacity of natural gas available in Narimanam in Tamil Nadu;

(b) what is the capacity of natural gas found in Pondicherry State;

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up an oil refinery at Pondicherry; and

(d) if so, what is the capacity ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) According to estimates made by ONGC as on January, 1992, the maximum production potential of the Narimanam field in Tamil Nadu is 0.12 MMSCMD.

(b) No commercial discovery of gas has so far been made in Pondicherry.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

LPG Connections in Tamil Nadu

1889. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the LPG connections are to be increased this year;

(b) what are the norms followed for allotment of agency in LPG ;

(c) what is the total number of LPG connections in Tamil Nadu;

(d) what is the total number of LPG connections in Waiting Lists; and

(e) are they likely to be cleared this year; and if not, the reasons therefor ?